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STATE of the *Society* in *Scotland* for propagating *Chriſtian Knowledge*, Anno 1729.

AN Account of the Riſe, Conſtitution and Management of this Society, having been once and again printed, and Copies thereof ſent to all the Miniſters and Pariſhes, and to many particular Perſons in *Scotland*, and to ſome in *England* and elſewhere, which Account contains the Royal Letters patent erecting the Society, with the Names of the Members thereof at the Time, Places where Schools were then ſettled, and the Rules and Orders given by the Society to their School-maſters, and Copies of the ſaid Account being yet to be had at the Shop of *William Brown* Bookſeller in *Edinburgh*, the Society's Printer, and from Mr. *Joſeph Davidſon* Bookſeller in *London*, it is not needful, at preſent, to reprint any Part thereof, but only to remark the Alterations or Additions; and therefore I ſhall here do no more but infert an Abſtract of the foreſaid Royal Letters patent, the Liſt of the preſent Members of the Society, their Committee of Directors, and others intruſted in carrying on their Deſign, the Society's Reſolution concerning poor Scholars, and the Commiſſion to correſpondent Members in *Scotland* and *England*, not formerly printed, which

contain the Subſtance of the Society's Method of Management, to which I ſhall add a Liſt of the Society's preſent Schools, and a farther Account of the State of the Highlands and Iſlands.

Abſtract of the Letters patent.

THIS Society are, by the foreſaid Patent, impowered to receive Subſcriptions, Mortifications, Donations, Legacies, Sums of Money, Lands, Goods and Gear, and therewith to erect and maintain Schools to teach to read, eſpecially the holy Scriptures, and other good and pious Books, alſo to teach Writing, Arithmetick, and ſuch like Degrees of Knowledge, in the Highlands, Iſlands, and remote Corners of *Scotland*, and in popiſh and infidel Parts of the World, and to uſe ſuch Means for inſtructing the People in the Chriſtian reformed Proteſtant Religion, as may be competent. They are ordained to have a general Meeting at *Edinburgh* the firſt *Thurſdays* of *January*, *March*, *June* and *November* yearly, at three of the Clock after Noon, and oftner, when, and where they ſhall think meet, and Nine to be a *Quorum*. Upon the firſt *Thurſday* of *January* yearly, they are appointed to elect their Preſident, Treaſurer, Secretary or Clerk, one or more, and fifteen Perſons to be a Committee of Directors or Managers, and other Officers and Servants, as they ſhall find needful, to continue till the firſt *Thurſday* of *January* next thereafter, or until others be choſen to ſucceed them; and the Preſident is to adminiſter an Oath *de fideli adminiſtra-*

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tione officii, to the Clerk, and thereafter the Clerk to the Preſident, and the Preſident to each of the reſt, before they act in their reſpective Offices. Further, the Society, at any of their quarterly Meetings, may aſſume into their Number ſuch of the Contributors (being Proteſtants) as they ſhall judge fit for aſſiſting to carry on this Deſign. The ſaid Committee of Fifteen are ordained to meet the firſt *Thurſday* of every Month, and oftner, as Need requires, any Three of them being a *Quorum*, to proſecute the Orders of the general Meeting, audite the Treaſurer's Accounts, ripen and prepare Overtures and Matters, and to lay their whole Tranſactions and Management before the general Meeting quarterly. The Society are alſo impowered, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, to nominate fit Perſons, in any Places of his Majeſty's Dominions, or elſewhere, for receiving Subſcriptions, Money, or other Things contributed towards the foreſaid Deſign, who are to tranſmit Accounts thereof to the Committee at *Edinburgh*, or the general Meeting, for laying out ſuch Sums as they ſhall be intruſted with, and ordered by the Society to lay out, for enquiring concerning the Faithfulneſs, Diligence and Succeſs of the Perſons employed upon the foreſaid Fund, and for keeping a Correſpondence with the Committee at *Edinburgh*, about theſe Particulars, and what elſe concerns the foreſaid Society. This Society are declared capable to purchaſe and enjoy Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tacks, Liberties, Privileges and Juriſdictions, in Fie and Perpetuity, not exceeding the yearly Value of 2000 *L. Sterling*, and all other moveable Eſtates, Debts, Sums of Money, Goods and Gear whatſoever, the Rents, Revenues, Annualrents and Profits of the

capital Stock, to expend, ware out and beſtow for the Support and Maintenance of this pious Deſign; but not to diminiſh the capital Stock ſubſcribed for or mortified. Likewiſe they are declared able and capable to purſue and defend, in all Courts and Places, before whatſoever Judge or Judges, and all and ſundry other Matters and Things to do, in as full and ample Form and Manner, as any other Subjects, or any other Society, Corporation or Body politick, within this Realm, can do, in any ſort. Alſo they are allowed a common Seal, and, at their quarterly Meetings, and at no other Time, have Power to make Rules and Ordinances, and to alter the ſame, as they ſhall ſee moſt convenient, and to give Orders and Encouragements to thoſe they employ, which Orders are ordained to be obſerved by all concerned. It is alſo enjoyned, that none be employed upon this Fund, as Teachers in any Capacity, but ſuch, as being tried by a Presbytery, ſhall be by them certified to be Men of Piety, Loyalty, Prudence, Gravity, competent Knowledge and Literature, and other Chriſtian and neceſſary Qualifications ſuited to their Stations. The Society are impowered, upon the Death of any of their Number, or of their Preſident, Secretary, or other Officers or Servants, or upon their malverſing, or not attending in their reſpective Stations, at a general Meeting, to chooſe others to ſucceed, and alſo to impoſe and exact Fines, not exceeding 10 *L. Sterling*, for Malverſation, beſides Damages to the Society and others concerned, and 10 *ſh. Sterling* for each Abſence from their Stations without a relevant Excuſe. The Books of the Society are appointed to be patent to every Subſcriber, who are allowed and impowered

powered to purſue, in caſe of Miſapplication of this Fund. All Magiſtrates, Judges and Officers of the Law, and other Subjects, in their reſpective Stations, are commanded to give all proper and needful Aſſiſtance and Encouragement to the ſaid Society, and theſe employed and intruſted by them, in what tends to the Furtherance of this Deſign, when required thereto.

A Liſt of the Members of this Society the 2 Day of January, 1729. *the Nobility and Lords of Seſſion firſt, according to their Precedency, under each Letter, then ſuch as are alive of the firſt Nomination, conform to the Order of the Alphabet, and next thoſe who have been aſſumed ſince, as they were elected.*

A.

MR. Alexander Abercrombie *of* Tillibody, *Advocate.*

B.

The Right Honourable David *Earl of* Buchan,
Mr. John Brown *Miniſter at* Abercorn,
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Mr. James Bannatyne, *one of the Miniſters of* Edinburgh,
Alexander Belſches *of* Innermay,

William Brown *Bookſeller in* Edinburgh,
* Mr. William Brown, *one of the Miniſters of the Goſpel there,*
John Blair *Merchant there.*

C.

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Mr. James Craig *one of the Miniſters of* Edinburgh.

D.

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* Thomas Dundas *of* Fingask, *late Bailie of* Edinburgh,

George

George Drummond *late Lord Provoſt of* Edinburgh, *and one of the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*,
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Mr. Robert Dundas *of* Arniſtoun, *Advocate*,
Mr. Joſeph Drew *Principal of St.* Leonard's *College of St.* Andrews,
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Alexander Finlayſon *of* Nielſtonſide, *one of the Clerks of Seſſion*,
Doctor James Frazer *in* London.

G.

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Mr.

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K.

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George

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L.

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Mr.

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O.

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P.

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R.

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* *Doctor* John Riddel *Phyſician,*
Mr. Matthew Reid *Miniſter at* Northberwick,
John Ruſſel *of* Braidſhaw, *Writer to his Majeſty's Signet.*

S.

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T.

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Robert Tod *Merchant in* Edinburgh.

W.

Mr. William Wishart *one of the Miniſters of* Edinburgh, *and Principal of the Univerſity there,*
Mr. James Walker *one of the Miniſters of* Canongate,
Mr. Adam Wat *of* Roſehil, *Advocate,*

* John

* John Wightman *of* Maulſly, *late Lord Provoſt of* Edinburgh,

* Mr. Matthew Wood *one of the Miniſters of* Edinburgh,

Mr. John Walker *one of the Miniſters of* Canongate.

Y.

James Young *of* Killicanty, *Treaſurer to* Heriot's *Hoſpital.*

Sir *Hugh Dalrymple* of *Northberwick*, Lord Preſident of the Court of Seſſion, is Preſident of the Society, Mr. *Joſeph Cave* Merchant in *Edinburgh*, Treaſurer, Mr. *John Dundas* of *Philipſtoun*, Secretary, and *Nicol Spence*, Agent for the Church, Clerk.

The Society do take the beſt Methods they can, to procure the Attendance of Members, and for that End, the general Meeting, by an Act 3 *January*, 1723. did appoint, That, if Members, who have their conſtant Reſidence in the City of *Edinburgh*, neglect to be preſent at four general Meetings ſucceſſively, without a ſufficient Excuſe, a Letter be written to them, ſhewing them their long Abſence, and deſiring to know, if their Affairs can allow them to attend the Society, and that, at the Meeting in *January*, the Names of the Abſents be openly read out; but generally Members attend ſo well, that they are not ſtraitned for want of a *Quorum*, and are, for moſt Part, very numerous, ſo cordial are many in this good Work.

The Members of the Committee this Year for Management, are theſe of the Society who have an Aſteriſm before their Names in the preceeding Liſt. The ſaid *John Wightman* of *Maulſly* is Preſes of the Committee, *James Nimmo* Dean of Gild of *Edinburgh*, is Comptroller, and

David

David Spence Secretary to the Bank of *Scotland*, Accomptant; and they, with the Treaſurer, Secretary and Clerk, do meet with the Committee, and aſſiſt in their Affairs. *William Brown* Bookſeller furniſhes the Society's Schools with Books, as ordered, and clears his Accounts yearly. Mr. *William Muir* is the Society's Book-keeper. *William Duncan* is Writer of the Society's Orders, and Recorder of their Proceedings. And *Thomas Bell* their Houſe-keeper and Meſſenger, who warns Members to the Meetings.

Commiſſion to Schoolmaſters.

THE general Meeting of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, having impowered their Committee to the Effect under-written, and they finding it needful, that a Charity School be ſet up at ——— in the Pariſh of ——— and Bounds of the Preſbytery of ——— for the Benefit of that Place, and the Country that lies thereabout, and conſidering, that ——— is well recommended, as a Perſon qualified for teaching ſuch a School, and particularly, that the Presbytery of ——— within whoſe Bounds the ſaid ——— has, for ſome Time, had his ordinary Reſidence, have, after Inquiry into his Manner of Life and Converſation, and after Trial and Examination of his other Qualifications, certified and atteſted him to be a Perſon of Piety, Loyalty, Prudence, Gravity, competent Knowledge and Literature, and endued with other Chriſtian Qualificati-

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ons ſuited to that Station, the ſaid Committee, by the Tenor hereof, do nominate, commiſſionate and appoint the ſaid ——— to be Shoolmaſter and Teacher of the ſaid Charity-ſchool at —— or whatſoever other Place he may happen to be tranſported to at the Pleaſure of the Society, hereby authorizing and requiring him, with Faithfulneſs and Diligence, to apply himſelf to teach all Perſons whatſoever, who ſhall attend his School, to read perfectly, eſpecially the holy Scriptures, and other good and pious Books, as alſo to teach Writing, Arithmetick, and ſuch like Degrees of Knowledge, in the Bounds of the ſaid Country, and to catechize and inſtruct his Scholars and People about, in the Principles of the Chriſtian reformed proteſtant Religion, and that *gratis*, without demanding or requiring any Fee, Acknowledgment or Gratuity for his Pains, from any who are not in Caſe to pay; and they do hereby enjoyn and require the ſaid ——— that, in executing his ſaid Office, and performing the Duties incumbent on him, in his Station as Schoolmaſter, he do ſtrictly obſerve, and exactly walk conform to the Rules and Directions already agreed to, and eſtabliſhed by the Society, a Copy whereof is herewith delivered to him, and ſuch other Rules and Orders, as ſhall hereafter be eſtabliſhed by the Society, and laid down by them, from Time to Time, for the right Management and Government of their Charity-ſchools. And foraſmuch as the Society has allowed to the Schoolmaſter of the ſaid Place, an yearly Salary of —— *Scots* for his Maintenance and Encouragement, therefore, the ſaid Committee do hereby appoint the Treaſurer of the ſaid Society, for the Time being, and his Succeſſors

ceſſors in that Office, to make Payment of the ſaid Sum to the ſaid —— as Schoolmaſter in the ſaid Country, and that at two Terms in the Year, as he ſhall require the ſame, beginning the firſt Payment from the Time at which it ſhall be certified by the Presbytery of the Bounds, that he entred to his Work, until the next legal Term, and thenceforth termly during his Continuance in his ſaid Charge, and appoints him, before he enter to the Exerciſe of his ſaid Office, to qualify himſelf, as the Laws and Conſtitutions of *Scotland*, in Church and State, do require, and forthwith thereafter to repair to his Charge, and enter to the Exerciſe of his Office, and therein to continue, until this Commiſſion be recalled by the foreſaid Society, or their Committee: By Appointment of which Committee, as having Warrant from the general Meeting of the Society, theſe Preſents are given, and the common Seal of the Society is affixed thereto, at *Edinburgh*, the —— Day of —— Years.

Proviſion for ſome poor Scholars.

THE general Meeting of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, finding, that they had formerly reſolved to grant ſome Encouragement to Boys having the *Iriſh* Tongue, whether of Proteſtant or Popiſh Parents, who are ſo poor that they cannot, without Help, attend the Schools, and that many more are demanding that Encouragement, than the Society's Funds at preſent can ſupport, they judged

judged it needful that this Matter be regulated; and their Committee having, by their Appointment, prepared an Overture to that Effect, the ſame was read to, and conſidered by the general Meeting of the Society; and they did unanimouſly agree thereto, and, in purſuance thereof, did reſolve and appoint, That none ſhall have Claim to the weekly Maintenance and *Premium* allowed to the Society's poor Scholars, but ſuch as ſhall be firſt examined by the Miniſter of the Pariſh, within which the School is ſettled, and the Viſitors of the School appointed by the Preſbytery of the Bounds, and be certified by them, and alſo by the Schoolmaſter, to be Youths of more than ordinary Capacity for Learning, having the *Iriſh* Tongue, and that they are ſo poor, that they cannot attend the School without Aſſiſtance; and likewiſe, that the Parents of the ſaid Children, or, in caſe they be Orphans, ſome of their neareſt Friends do oblige themſelves, that they ſhall wait on the School punctually, and ſhall duly and regularly attend Goſpel Ordinances, diſpenſed by the Miniſters of the eſtabliſhed Church, and give the utmoſt Pains and Diligence to learn exactly the Principles of the reformed Proteſtant Religion, and the *Engliſh* Language; and that ſo ſoon as they ſhall be found capable, they ſhall be aſſiſting to the Shoolmaſter, or ſerve as Schoolmaſters themſelves, in ſome of the Society's Schools, if called thereto: And a Certificate being ſent to the Society, or their Committee, in the Terms abovementioned, the Society does reſolve, That they will, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, grant Twelve Penies *Scots* every Day, both LORD's Days and Week Days, to ſuch poor Scholars as come to their Schools, providing they attend the whole Week;

and that they will further give a Suit of Clothes, and a Pair of Shoes, at the End of Two full Years Attendance thereon: And if they incline to continue a third Year, to be further perfected, in order to be put in a Capacity to teach a School, and will in the mean time aſſiſt the Schoolmaſter, in that Caſe the Society do reſolve to give them Eighteen Penies *Scots* each Day they attend during the third Year, with a Suit of Clothes, and a Pair of Shoes, at the End of that Year. And for the further Encouragement of the Society's Scholars, the general Meeting declares, That they will be ready to employ their own Scholars to be Schoolmaſters when Vacancies happen, if they be found qualified, and be certified and recommended by the Presbytery, according to the Society's *Formula* already agreed upon and printed. And becauſe it will be needful that the foreſaid Encouragement be advanced Weekly, the Society reſolves, That when Youths ſhall be thus intitled to this *Premium*, an half Year's Allowance ſhall be lodged in the Hands of the Miniſter of the Pariſh, to be paid out weekly to the Schoolmaſters, who ſhall keep an exact Account of their Depurſements of the Money, and deliver the ſame to the Miniſter, to be tranſmitted to the Treaſurer of the Society once every Year, before any Allowance for that Year be demanded. And that all concerned may be the more diſtinct in this Matter, the Society ordains the Certificates in favour of the foreſaid poor Children, to be conceived in the Terms following, *viz.* "We——Miniſter of the Pariſh of——and "——Viſitors of the School of —— appointed by "the Correſpondents, and Presbytery of——and I "—— Schoolmaſter of the ſaid School, do certify,

"That

" That —— Son to —— now attending this School " erected by the Society for propagating Chriſtian " Knowledge, being examined by us, we find, that " he is above Twelve Years of Age, and can ſpeak " the *Iriſh* Language, that he is now reading the " ——and is one of more than ordinary Capacity " for Learning, but is ſo poor, that he is not in " Caſe to attend the School, without ſome Aſſi- " ſtance be given for his Maintenance: And we " —— Parents, or —— neareſt of Kin to the " ſaid poor Child, do promiſe and oblige our " ſelves, that he ſhall wait on the ſaid School, " and duly and regularly attend Goſpel Ordinan- " ces diſpenſed by the Miniſters of the eſtabliſh- " ed Church, and give Diligence to learn the " Principles of the Proteſtant reformed Religion, " and the *Engliſh* Language, and that ſo ſoon as " he ſhall be found capable, he ſhall, if called " thereto, be aſſiſting to the Schoolmaſter in " teaching, or ſhall ſerve as a Schoolmaſter in a- " ny Place of the *Highlands*, or Iſlands of *Scotland*, " according to the Rules and Orders of the So- " ciety, upon the Encouragement they uſually " give to others in ſuch Places. This given at " —— the —— Day of —— Years." And the Schoolmaſter's Certificate of the poor Scholar's Attendance, ſhall run thus. " I —— Maſter of " the Charity School of —— do hereby certify, " That —— Son to —— has attended the ſaid " School punctually, —— full Weeks in this his —— " Year, ſince he was intitled to the *Premium* al- " lowed by the Society, to ſuch as are in his Cir- " cumſtances. As alſo —— Days, beſides the full " Weeks foreſaid, and that he has carried regu- " larly, and deſerves the foreſaid Encouragement. " As witneſs my Hand at —— the —— Day of " —— Years."

" — Years." And *Laſtly.* If any charitable Perſons be inclined to maintain one Boy, or more, in the Terms hereof, the Society declares, they will undertake the Management thereof, and ſee to the Application of what is given that Way, according to the Will of the Giver, and that the Boys maintained by them, ſhall be called their Burſars.

Commiſſion to Correſpondents in Scotland.

THE general Meeting of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, conſidering that they are impowered by the Royal Letters patent, to nominate fit Perſons in any Place of his Majeſty's Dominions, or elſewhere, for receiving Subſcriptions, Money, or other Things contributed towards the Deſign of their Erection, contained in the foreſaid Letters patent, and to tranſmit the Accounts thereof to their Committee at *Edinburgh*, or the foreſaid general Meeting, and alſo for laying out ſuch Sums as they ſhall be intruſted with, and ordered by the Society to lay out, and for enquiring concerning the Faithfulneſs, Diligence and Succeſs of the Perſons employed upon the foreſaid Fund, and for keeping a Correſpondence with the Committee at *Edinburgh* about theſe Particulars, and what elſe concerns the foreſaid Society; and finding their Buſineſs ſo much increaſing, that it will be neceſſary that more Hands be employed to aſſiſt them in their Work, and in particular, to enquire into the State of the ſeveral Countries demand-

manding Schools, and to take the Overſight of the Schools erected and to be erected; and this being a Work which all good Chriſtians ſhould have a Concern for, and the Society being deſirous of the Aſſiſtance of all whom GOD ſhall incline to concur therein, do hereby nominate, commiſſionate and impower [*Here the Names of the Correſpondents are inſert in ſeveral Commiſſions, as they reſide near the Schools, one Commiſſion for the Bounds of each Presbytery where the Society hath Schools*] together with all the Members of the Presbytery of ——————— and any Member of the Society that ſhall be upon the Place, to be the foreſaid Society's Viſitors of Schools, and Correſpondents, and Commiſſioners for the other Effects above and after mentioned. And in order to the more effectual Proſecution of this Chriſtian and pious Deſign, the foreſaid Correſpondents are deſired to meet at the foreſaid Preſbytery's Seat upon the laſt *Wedneſdays* of *February*, *May*, *Auguſt* and *November* yearly, at Eleven of the Clock before Noon, with Power to adjourn themſelves to other Times and Places as they ſhall ſee Cauſe. And the general Meeting of the foreſaid Society appoints, that whoever is Moderator and Clerk of the Presbytery for the Time, ſhall be Preſes and Clerk of the ſaid Meetings of Correſpondents, and, in caſe of their Abſence, that the Meeting chooſe others; and they recommend it to the Moderator of the Presbytery to convene the Correſpondents, and propoſe to them what comes from the foreſaid Society, or their Committee, and to write Returns thereto once every Year at leaſt; and they do impower the ſaid correſpondent Meeting to receive Subſcriptions, Money, or other Things contributed, and

tranſmit Accounts thereof to the Society or their Committee yearly, and to deal with charitable Perſons to contribute; and they are deſired to conſider the Circumſtances of the Country, and to inform the Society, or their Committee, where Charity Schools ſhould be ſet up, ſo as they may beſt anſwer the Society's Deſign, and to have a particular Regard to remote Straths, Glens, and Iſlands, where parochial Schools cannot benefit the Poor; and alſo to adviſe the Society when their Schoolmaſters ſhould be removed to other Places, and when and where it is neceſſary that Salaries ſhould be augmented or diminiſhed, with the Reaſons thereof. And ſeeing the Society do not deſign that their Charity Schools ſhall ſupply the Place of parochial Schools, they do therefore deſire their Correſpondents and Viſitors, before they propoſe a School to be ſettled in, or removed to any Pariſh, to acquaint the Society, or their Committee, whether parochial Schools be ſettled therein, as Law directs, and what Endeavours have been uſed for that End, and what hinders the Settlement; and this being done, the Society, or their Committee at *Edinburgh*, will give out Commiſſions for Settlement of Schools and Salaries, upon Report of the Correſpondents, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, and their Funds will allow. And to make the Correſpondents Work the more eaſy, they are hereby impowered to divide themſelves into Committees for viſiting the Society's Schools, and any Three of them are declared to be a *Quorum*, one of the ſaid Three being always a Miniſter; and a Miniſter is to preſide at the Viſitation, who is to begin and end the Meeting with Prayer, and to give ſuitable Exhortations to the Maſter, Scholars, and others con-

concerned. And the Miniſter and Kirk-ſeſſion of the Pariſhes reſpectively, where the Society's Schools are or ſhall be ſettled, and any Bailie or other civil Magiſtrate, that ſhall happen to reſide there, are declared Members of the ſaid Committee for Viſitation, and are hereby impowered to take Inſpection of the foreſaid Schools, and each of them to notice the Carriage and Diligence of the Maſter and Scholars, and report firſt to the Viſitors, who ſhall report to the Meeting of Correſpondents, and they to the Society or their Committee at *Edinburgh*; and it is left to the foreſaid Meeting of Correſpondents, to appoint the Viſitors out of the Perſons above named, to fix the Time of the Viſitations of the foreſaid Schools, and give Advertiſement thereof, which is to be once every Quarter, if it can be got conveniently done. And theſe Viſitors, at their Diets of Viſitation, are appointed, *Firſt.* To read theſe Preſents. *Next.* To require from the Schoolmaſters the Liſt of the *Scholars* at the reſpective Schools, and read over the ſame, and mark who are preſent, and who abſent, and enquire into their Attendance, and ſee if the Maſter has been exact in noticing and marking the ſame according to the Society's Orders. *3tio.* To cauſe to be publickly read over in the School, the *printed Rules* and Orders of the Society. *4to.* To examine into the *Proficiency* of the Scholars, the *Method* of the Maſter's *Teaching*, and his *Government* and *Diſcipline* in his School, to enquire into the Time of the Scholars *convening* and *diſmiſſing*, to take Trial of their *Knowledge* of the Principles of the Chriſtian reformed Religion, and to name *Cenſors* in each School, and give them Directions. *5to.* To enquire whether the Maſters inſtruct the Scholars

to read *Engliſh* aright, and teach them *Writing*, *Arithmetick*, and *Church-muſick*. And in Places where *Iriſh* is ſpoke, the Viſitors are to try if the Scholars be taught to tranſlate the *Engliſh* into *Iriſh*, and to enjoyn the Maſters to cauſe their Scholars underſtand perfectly what they read, and that they proceed not to give out a new Leſſon to their Scholars, until they fully underſtand what was formerly preſcribed; but they are ſtrictly to *diſcharge* the Schoolmaſters to teach their Scholars *to read* Iriſh *Books*. *6to*. If the Maſter and Scholars live at a conſiderable Diſtance from the Church, the Viſitors are to enquire how they are *employed on the Lord's Day*, whether they do convene together in a convenient Place, and if the Maſter reads the holy Scriptures, and other good and orthodox Books to his Scholars and others of the Neighbourhood, and what are the Books he reads; and if *Papiſts*, as well as Proteſtants of every Denomination, and all Perſons whatſoever, who are willing to *learn to read*, and be inſtructed in the Principles of the reformed *Proteſtant Religion*, be received and taught by the Maſters, and if ſuch as are poor, be taught *gratis*. *7mo*. If the Maſter do catechize publickly in the School, at leaſt twice every Week, and pray with the Scholars twice every Day. *8vo*. The Viſitors are to enquire at the Miniſter and Schoolmaſter, what *Books* are ſent to the foreſaid Schools, and to cauſe *William Brown* Bookſeller, the Society's Printer, his Note ſent therewith, and all former Liſts and Accounts of this Sort, to be produced and read to them; and they are to compare the Books with the Notes or Liſts, and ſee that the ſame be preſerved, and enquire what further Books will be neceſſary for the

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School, and to take notice that Books be given *to none but* ſuch as are ſo *poor*, that they are not able to buy for themſelves, and to give Directions about the Diſtribution of them, and enquire to whom Books have been given, and what Uſe thoſe who got them make thereof, and to call back ſuch as are not made right Uſe of; and in caſe any Perſon be found to have ſold their Books, to oblige them to refound the Price of the ſame. *9no.* To take care, that the Maſter keep a *Regiſter* of the Names of the *Scholars*, expreſſing how many of them are Boys, and how many Girls, what their Age is, and mentioning the Time they *entred* to, and when they *left the School*, and what they began to read when they entred, and how far they were advanced when they left the School. *10mo.* The Viſitors are to ſee that the Schoolmaſter keep a *Journal of what* is done at each *Viſitation*, and they are to read at every poſterior Viſitation, what was done at the former. *11mo.* The Viſitors are to ſee that the Maſter and Scholars be ſufficiently *accommodated* with an Houſe, and other Neceſſaries, and to enquire into the Schoolmaſter's *Grievances*, and examine the ſame, and uſe due Endeavours to remove them, and report to the correſpondent Meeting. *12mo.* The Viſitors are to ſee that the Schoolmaſters keep cloſe to their Work, and that *no School* do *vaik* above Three Weeks once in the Year, and that either in the Throng of Harveſt, or ſuch other Time as the Miniſter and Viſitors ſhall think moſt proper. And if the Schoolmaſter do, at any other Time, leave the School one whole Day, until he firſt ſhew the Miniſter, or Two of the Elders or Viſitors, the Neceſſity of the Occaſion that requires his Abſence, and have their

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Allowance, he ſhall pay Two Shillings *Sterling* for each Day's Abſence; and the Maſter is diſcharged to grant any more Play-days in the whole Year upon any Account whatſoever: And in caſe he do otherwiſe, and neglect his Work, the Viſitors are to acquaint the Society and their Committee thereof. 13*tio*. The Viſitors are to ſee to the Obſervation of the Act of the general Meeting, dated the 30 of *November*, 1720. and Letter dated the 5 of *April*, 1723. concerning beneficed *poor Scholars*, that none be recommended to the Society's Bounty, but in the Terms thereof, and who are above Twelve Years of Age, and can ſpeak *Iriſh*; and that the Viſitors take Care they have the *Premiums* and *Clothes*, according to that Act, and ſee the Accounts of the ſaid *Premiums* cleared and adjuſted, and never to allow above 20 *ſh. Sterling* for the Suit of Clothes and Shoes. 14*to*. The Viſitors are to take Care, that all prudent Means be uſed with *Papiſts*, to induce them to ſend their Children to School, and to allow them to attend *publick Worſhip*, and that the Maſters take all gaining Methods with the Children of Papiſts, and be careful to *inſtruct them in the Principles* of the *true Religion*; and if the Parents will not comply thus far, the Schoolmaſters ſhall acquaint the Society, that they may give Directions what is to be done in that Caſe. The *Viſitors* having done their Work, are to *report* to the *Correſpondents*, who are alſo to keep a *Book* apart, *for recording* their own *Procedure in*, with the Reports of the Viſitors, and what is done thereon, and once every Year in the Month of *January*, to prepare their *Report*, and ſend it *to the Society*, ſo that it may be laid before the general Meeting in *March* at fartheſt.

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And for the more certain and regular Correſpondence, and better expeding the Society's Affairs, all *Letters* to the Correſpondents are to be *directed* to the *Moderator or Clerk* of the Presbytery of the Bounds concerned, and alſo all Letters to the Society or their Committee, to be directed to their *Secretary or Clerk*, who are allowed to open the ſame, and compare what is therein, with what relates thereto in the Procedure of the general Meeting, or their Committee and Reports of Viſitors, and *be ripe to report* the State of the Caſe to the Committee, at their firſt Meeting after the Letter comes to Hand; and if they judge the Matter requires Haſte, to call a Meeting *pro re nata*, for conſidering thereof. And *Laſtly.* It is deſired and expected, that all the Perſons above mentioned, intruſted in this charitable and Chriſtian Work, will conſider the Importance thereof, and diligently and faithfully diſcharge this Truſt, and uſe their beſt Endeavours for the *frugal Management* of the Society's Funds, Money and Books, and herein to have the general Deſign of the Society in View, and alſo to deal with charitable Perſons, who are in Caſe to contribute their Aſſiſtance in giving Money, Victual, Clothes, Books, or other Neceſſaries for helping the Poor. And the general Meeting agrees, that the Miniſter of the Place, where the Correſpondents meet, or ſome other fit Perſon therein, be intruſted with *receiving, and giving out* the ſame, and keeping an exact Account, to be laid before the Correſpondents, who are to ſend Copies thereof to the Society yearly; and if any of the foreſaid Correſpondents ſhall happen to be at *Edinburgh* when there is a general Meeting of the Society, they are hereby invited to be preſent therein, for

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their further Information, and more full Satisfaction as to the Management of the Society's Affairs. This Commiſſion is to continue during the Society's Pleaſure, and until a new one be granted and put in Place thereof, unto ſuch Perſons as the Society ſhall think fit. Signed by the Preſident of the general Meeting, and by their Secretary, and ſealed with the Society's Seal, according to Order. Given at *Edinburgh*, the —— Day of —— Years.

The Society's Schools, at preſent, are as follows, viz.

1. AT *Hirta*, alias *St. Kilda*, an Iſland and Pariſh in Presbytery of *Longiſland*, *Alexander Buchan* Maſter, the greateſt Number of Scholars at once there, was only 28; but that Place is lately very much depopulated by Sickneſs and Death.
2. *Clauchinmore* in Pariſh of *Southuiſt*, and ſame Presbytery, *James Macdonald* Maſter, Scholars 20.
3. *Bara* an Iſland in Pariſh of *Southuiſt*, it is agreed that a School be ſettled there.
4. *Vatterniſh* in Pariſh of *Braccadale*, and Presbytery of *Sky*, *Norman Macleod* Maſter, Scholars 32.
5. *Erlesbeg* in Pariſh of *Trotterniſh*, and ſame Preſbytery, Mr. *Donald Macclean* Maſter, Scholars 30.
6. *Rum* an Iſland in Pariſh of *Egg*, &c. ſame Preſbytery, Mr. *John Macarthur* Maſter, laſt Liſt of Scholars, 30.

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7. *Muck* in ſame Pariſh and Presbytery, *Kenneth Mackaskill* Maſter, Scholars 16.
8. *Cana* in ſame Pariſh and Presbytery, *John Stewart* Maſter.
9. *Lochcarron* a Pariſh in Presbytery of *Gerloch*, *William Mackenzie* Maſter, Scholars 23.
10. *Glenelg* a Pariſh in ſame Presbytery, *Norman Macleod* Maſter, Scholars 32.
11. *Knoidart* in Pariſh of *Glenelg*, *John Macclean* and Mr. *John Macleod*, named Maſters, but no Report therefrom.
12. *Killiquhimen* in Pariſh of *Boleskin*, and Preſbytery of *Abertarf*, *James Anderſon* Maſter, Scholars 14.
13. *Bolleskin* ſame Pariſh, *Alexander Fraſer* Maſter, laſt Liſt of Scholars 33.
14. *Glentroom* in Pariſh of *Lagan*, and ſame Preſbytery, *Kenneth Bethune* Maſter, Scholars 20.
15. *Braes* of *Urquhart* in Pariſh of *Glenmoriſon*, ſame Presbytery, *Henry Urquhart* Maſter.
16. *Maryburgh* in Pariſh of *Kilmaly*, ſame Preſbytery, Mr. *John Macbean* Maſter, Scholars 105.
17. *Rattilichmore* in Pariſh of *Kilmanivaig*, ſame Presbytery, *Alexander Cameron* Maſter, Scholars 14.
18. *Glenroy* in ſame Pariſh and Presbytery, *James Thomſon* Maſter, Sholars 24.
19. *Kilfinchen* in Pariſh of *Mull*, and Presbytery of *Lorn*, *Hector Mackinnen* Maſter, Scholars 19.
20. *Tirree* a Pariſh in ſame Presbytery, Mr. *James Stewart* Maſter, Scholars 12.
21. *Sallochy* in Pariſh of *Buchanan*, and Presbytery of *Dumbartoun*, *George Moir* Maſter, Scholars 20.
22. *Gartanſtary* in Pariſh of *Drymen*, ſame Presbytery,

tery, *William Crawford* Maſter, Scholars 26.

23. *Deuchlage* in Pariſh of *Luſs*, ſame Presbytery, *Archibald Macwattie* Maſter, Scholars 33.

24. *Glendouglas* in ſame Pariſh, *Andrew Maccolan* Maſter.

25. *Gartmore* in Pariſh of *Port*, and Presbytery of *Dumblane*, Mr. *John Dove* Maſter, Scholars 66.

26. *Bridge* of *Turk* in Pariſh of *Calander*, ſame Presbytery, *Peter King* Maſter, Scholars 26.

27. *Bridge* of *Kelty* in ſame Pariſh, *George Brown* Maſter, Scholars 70.

28. *Braes* of *Balquhidder* in ſame Pariſh, *James Maccallum* Maſter, Scholars 31.

29. *Lochearnſide* in Pariſh of *Comrie* and Presbytery of *Auchterardor*, *Duncan Drummond* Maſter, Scholars 40.

30. *Glenartnay* in ſame Pariſh, *Charles Bruce* Maſter, Scholars 53.

31. *Glenlednock* in ſame Pariſh, *James Drummond* Maſter, Scholars 51.

32. *Ranoch* in Pariſh of *Kilchonan* and Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, *John Menzies* Maſter, Scholars 66.

33. *Strathbrand* in Pariſh of *Little-dunkeld*, ſame Presbytery, *George Park* Maſter, Scholars 22.

34. *Tullich* a Pariſh in Presbytery of *Kincardin-oniel*, Mr. *Andrew Rule* Maſter, Scholars 91.

35. *Cromar* in Pariſh of *Tullich*, *Alexander Farquharſon* Maſter, Scholars 57.

36. *Inverearnan* in Pariſh of *Strathdon* and Presbytery of *Alford*, Mr. *John Young* Maſter, Scholars 73.

37. *Broadley* in Pariſh of *Rathven* and Presbytery of *Fordyce*, Mr. *William Symon* Maſter, Scholars 61.

38. *Kinnore* in Pariſh of *Huntley* and Presbytery of *Strathbogy*, *Alexander Slorach* Maſter, Scholars 36.

39. *Ruth-*

39. *Ruthven* in Pariſh of *Botary*, ſame Presbytery, Mr. *Robert Gordon* Maſter, Scholars 53.
40. *Tomnavillan* in Pariſh of *Glenlivet* and *Kirkmichael*, and Presbytery of *Aberlour*, *John Blair* Maſter, Scholars 67.
41. *Glenrinneſs* in ſame Presbytery, *Robert Duff* Maſter, Scholars 36.
42. *Braes* of *Kirkmichael* in Presbytery of *Abernethy*, *Peter Conſtable* Maſter, Scholars 45.
43. *Ballintomb* in Pariſh of *Alvie*, ſame Presbytery, *Gregor Nicolſon* Maſter, Scholars 19.
44. *Glenfeſſy* in ſame Presbytery, *Thomas Donaldſon* Maſter, Scholars 14.
45. *Craigroy* in Pariſh of *Edinkilly* and Presbytery of *Forreſs*, *David Cuming* Maſter, Scholars 16.
46. *Culphern* in ſame Pariſh, *John Calder* Maſter, Scholars 23.
47. *Drummyn* in ſame Pariſh, *William Gowie* Maſter, Scholars 23.
48. *Tillidivy* in ſame Pariſh, *John Henderſon* Maſter, Scholars 31.
49. *Kintoſſach* in Pariſh of *Dyke*, ſame Presbytery, *John Alves* Maſter, Scholars 28.
50. *Earl's-ſeat* in Pariſh of *Auldearn*, ſame Preſbytery, *Walter Roſs* Maſter, Scholars 21.
51. *Moy* in Pariſh of *Dallaraſſy*, and Presbytery of *Inverneſs*, *Donald Macqueen* Maſter, Scholars 21.
52. *Kiltarlaty* a Pariſh in ſame Presbytery, *Alexander Downy* Maſter, Scholars 31.
53. In ſame Pariſh *Arthur Tanſe* Maſter, Scholars 33.
54. *Raining's* School in ſame Presbytery, Mr. *Alexander Moncrief* Maſter, Scholars 101.
55. *Kilmorack* a Pariſh in Presbytery of *Dingwal*, *John Robertſon* Maſter, Scholars 44.

56. *Glen-*

56. *Glenſtrafarer* in Pariſh of *Kilmorack*, ſame Preſbytery, *William Fraſer* Maſter, Scholars 10.
57. *Strathglaſs* in ſame Pariſh, Mr. *John Paip* Maſter, Scholars 12.
58. *Inverchaſley* in Pariſh of *Criech*, and Presbytery of *Dornoch*, *David Roſs* Maſter, Scholars 30.
59. *Gruids* in Pariſh of *Larg*, ſame Presbytery, *John Mackay* Maſter, Scholars 28.
60. *Clyne* a Pariſh in ſame Presbytery, *Francis Wright* Maſter, Scholars 44.
61. *Knockbreck* in Pariſh of *Duirneſs*, and Presbytery of *Tong*, Mr. *William Henderſon* Maſter, Scholars 62.
62. *Stroma* in *Pictland-firth*, in Pariſh of *Cannaſbee*, and Presbytery of *Cathneſs*, *George Gibſon* Maſter, Scholars 43.
63. *Hoy* a Pariſh in Presbytery of *Cairſtoun*, *John Lowtit* Maſter, Scholars 37.
64. *Græmſay* a Pariſh in ſame Presbytery, *William Flet* Maſter, Scholars 33.
65. *Konſger* in Pariſh of *Sandwick*, ſame Presbytery, *John Irvine* Maſter, Scholars 84.
66. *Harray* a Pariſh in ſame Presbytery, *James Lowtit* Maſter, Scholars 46.
67. *Firth* another Pariſh there, *George Lowtit* Maſter, Scholars 93.
68. *Stenhouſe* another Pariſh there, *William Smith* Maſter, Scholars 81.
69. *Orphir* another Pariſh there, *Edward Wilſon* Maſter, Scholars 46
70. *Evie* a Pariſh in Presbytery of *Kirkwal*, *Robert Brown* Maſter, Scholars 54.
71. *Coſtay* in ſaid Pariſh of *Evie*, *Henry Flet* Maſter Scholars 24.
72. *Eday* in Pariſh of *Stronſay*, and Presbytery of *Northiſles*, *George Charles* Maſter, Scholars 39.

73. *Weſtray*

73. *Weſtray* a Pariſh in ſame Presbytery, *George Spence* Maſter, Scholars 54.
74. *Rowſay* another Pariſh therein, *Thomas Purſe* Maſter, Scholars 36.
75. *Egilſhaw* Iſland, ſame Pariſh and Presbytery, *John Purſe* Maſter, Scholars
76. *Gulberwick* in Pariſh of *Lerwick*, and Presbytery of *Zetland*, *John Anderſon* Maſter.
77. *Delting* a Pariſh in ſame Presbytery, *Francis Beatie* Maſter, Scholars 50.
78. *Haſf-morton* a Pariſh in Presbytery of *Middlebee*, *William Graham* Maſter, Scholars 29.

The whole Number of Scholars according to this Liſt, is only 2757; but there are Six of the Schools lately ſettled, and the Correſpondents and Viſitors not having as yet ſent Reports concerning them, there is no Number of Scholars ſet down as to theſe, though it be certain there are Scholars thereat; and beſides, there are ſometimes more and ſometimes fewer Scholars at all theſe Schools; however, we may ſafely ſay this Society hath upwards of 3000 Scholars yearly taught upon their Funds. And further, many of their Scholars are teaching Children in Families and remote Places.

Theſe Schools are ordered to be frequently viſited, not only by the Miniſter of the Pariſh, but alſo by the Correſpondents, and Enquirie and Reports are made, according to the Commiſſion before inſerted, which Reports are examined by the Committee, and if they are found defective or faulty, the Defects and Faults are noticed and cenſured. From theſe Reports it appears, that not only Children are taught, but, in ſome Places, Servants leave their Service for a Time, to attend the Schools, yea, even married Perſons

come to them; and Children of Popiſh Parents are taught the Principles of the Proteſtant Religion thereat, and many of them come to Church. The Subjects taught the Society's Scholars, are, the Principles of Religion, Reading of *Engliſh*, Writing, Arithmetick and Church Muſick; and the Succeſs of this Undertaking is very remarkable, and has given great Satisfaction to many. In divers Pariſhes, where few could read, the greateſt Part of the riſing Generation can now read diſtinctly, and do come to Church with their Bibles. In ſome Places where the Miniſter had ſo few Hearers who underſtood *Engliſh*, that he was obliged to perform all the Parts of his Office in the *Iriſh* Language, he now officiates in *Engliſh*, to the full Underſtanding of many of his Hearers.

Divers of theſe Schools being ſettled in remote Iſlands, and Corners of Countries, where Miniſters have two or three, or more Places for Worſhip, at which they preach by Turns, and in ſome of them but once, twice, thrice, four, five or ſix Times in the Year at moſt, the Society takes Care, that the Schoolmaſters ſent to theſe Places, be duly qualified; and they, in the Miniſter's Abſence, on the Lord's Day, do, by his Direction, convene their Scholars in the Church, or moſt centrical Place, and pray and ſing Pſalms with them, and read the holy Scripture and a Sermon, or Part of ſome good and pious Book to them, and make the Scholars repete the Catechiſm publickly, and do catechize them, and ſuch other Perſons as will ſubmit to their Examination; and many of the People, near to thoſe Places, do attend theſe Exerciſes, and joyn therein. And becauſe there was a Scarcity of fit Perſons having the

the *Iriſh* Language, who would accept of being Schoolmaſters and Catechiſts, the Society have been in uſe, upon ſufficient Certificates, after Trial, as formerly mentioned, to grant an Allowance of Money and Clothes to ſuch hopeful Youths, having *Iriſh*, as are not in caſe to maintain themſelves, and who will engage to ſerve as Schoolmaſters in the Highlands and Iſlands, when found qualified; and divers of theſe, bred at the Society's Schools, are now teaching others, both in publick Schools and private Families. Any Contributors, who deſire farther Satisfaction of the Premiſſes, and of the State of the Society's Affairs, may have it from the Secretary and Clerk, in the Society's Hall, and may alſo have it in the printed Account of the Riſe, Conſtitution and Management of the aforeſaid Society.

It is a Pity, that ſuch a promiſing Appearance of Succeſs does not meet with more Encouragement from ſome, in whoſe Power it is to grant the ſame. It is true, many have acted a good Part in this Matter by their liberal Donations, others have both contributed, and been good Inſtruments in prevailing with others to do the like, ſo that now the Society's Stock lent out, is 9599 *L.* 18 *ſh.* 7 *d.* whereof 7853 *L.* 16 *ſh.* 7 *d.* upon heritable Security, and the reſt on moveable or perſonal Bonds, beſides 1000 *L. Sterling* mortified to the General Aſſembly, for Schools, by the deceaſt *John Raining* Merchant in *Norwich*, and *Frances* his Spouſe, paid in by her, and 200 *L.* more yet reſting alſo, beſides divers Legacies diſerented, and not yet made effectual to the Society, ſuch as 20000 Merks by the deceaſt *Walter Stuart* of *Pardivan*, 2000 Merks by the deceaſt Mr. *John Sethrum* Miniſter at *Gledſmuir*, 1500

Merks by the deceaſt Mr. *John Stirling* Principal of the Univerſity of *Glaſgow*. An Account of the Sums, ſmall and great, contributed, and Perſons contributing, from firſt to laſt, ſtand upon Record in the Society's Books, and it would be too long here to inſert the ſame; and it is thought, that it would not be acceptable to many, to ſee their Names in Print on that Account, but yet a due Regard ſhould be had to the Memory of ſuch of the largeſt Contributors as are deceaſt, particularly the piouſly and charitably diſpoſed Lady *Jean Wemyſs* Counteſs of *Sutherland*, who did very early mortify 5000 Merks *Scots*, *William Brown* of *Dalgourie*, 2000 Merks *Scots*, Mr. *William Mitchel* one of the Miniſters of *Edinburgh*, at two Times 10 *L.* and thereafter 100 *L. Sterling*, *Roger Hog* late Bailie in *Edinburgh*, legated 900 Merks, Doctor *Duncan Cuming* Phyſician in *Dublin*, 1800 Merks *Scots*, Doctor *Williams* Miniſter in *London*, 1800 Merks, with the Intereſt thereof yearly, till paid in, Mr. *Lorimer* Miniſter there, 900 Merks, Sir *James Stuart* Lord Advocate, beſides his firſt Donation, paid yearly, during Life, 10 *L. Sterling*, Sir *James Stuart* his Son, paid yearly, during his Life, 5 *L. Sterling*. Others are contributing to carry on this Deſign, and, as they may have great Satisfaction in being inſtrumental in advancing ſo glorious a Work, ſo, 'tis hoped, they will have their Reward.

But this Fund is far from being ſufficient for carrying on ſo great a Deſign. Some, who are Strangers, do look upon the Highlands of *Scotland*, as only a few Mountains and Glens, of a ſmall Extent; but ſuch would be informed, that from the *Mull* of *Kintyre*, to *Farohead* in *Strathnaver*, there will be, in a ſtraight Line from *South*

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to *North*, upwards of 200 Miles, without counting the Turns, Peninſulaes and Arms of the Sea which come up into the Land; and, from *Farohead* to *John a Groats Houſe*, it will be more than 60 Miles all along the North-weſt and North Coaſts of the Continent, and this beſides the vaſt Number of inhabited Iſlands which ly on this Coaſt, ſome whereof are large and populous, for Inſtance, *Jura* is 24 Miles in Length, *Iſlay* 16. *Colonſa* 11. *Mull* 24. *Coll* 12. *Tirree* 8. *Sky* 48. *Long-iſland*, comprehending *Bara*, *Southuiſt*, *Northuiſt* and *Lewes*, about 100 Miles in Length; and there are many other inhabited Iſlands of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 Miles in Length, beſides theſe above-named, ſome whereof ly at a conſiderable Diſtance from the Continent, and from one another, ſo that theſe Places are about the Half of *Scotland* in Extent, and have been very much neglected ever ſince the Reformation from Popery; but it ſeems, from the great Numbers of Chapels that have been therein, and the Peoples Inclinations to Superſtition, and travelling to theſe Chapels for their Devotion, that, before that Time, they have been better lookt after, and there was never before ſuch Acceſs to reform them as now. They have no Language but the *Iriſh*, except the Gentlemen, Perſons of Note, and others who have been bred in the Lowlands at Schools and Colleges. Many have wrote of the Soil and Product of theſe Countries, and it is now informed, that, of late, richer Mines are found there than in other Places. On the Coaſts are great Plenty of Herrings, Cod, Ling and other Fiſhing; and in the Rivers are Salmon. There are good Harbours and Ports for fiſhing. There are alſo Woods of Oak, Fir and other Timber, in divers Parts; and, in Glens, good Ground for Corns.

And tho' the People be very healthy and ſtrong, and inured to Hardineſs, yet they are given to Idleneſs, and do neglect all the Advantages their Country affords, and have little Buſineſs, except to look after ſome Cows. They have few Sheep, Swine or other Cattle, or Store; and, for a great Part of the Year, they live in much Miſery. Hiſtory gives an Account how ready they have been to break in upon the Lowlands, to ſteal, and, in Time of War, to plunder; and the formidable Appearance they made of late once and again againſt the Government, is not to be forgot, and how inſtrumental they were in bringing Miſery upon many Perſons and Families, and Ruin upon ſome of themſelves.

This moved the Parliament, after the late Rebellion, to make ſundry Acts for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands, and, in ſeverals of them, Proviſion was made for erecting Schools in theſe Parts, no leſs than 20000 *L. Sterling* was allotted for that End, and, according thereunto, a Commiſſion was, upon the 16 of *Auguſt*, 1716. granted by his preſent Majeſty, when Guardian of *Great Britain* in His royal Father's Abſence, to divers noble Perſons and Gentlemen, to conſider of the moſt proper Places for eſtabliſhing Schools in, with Salaries thereto, within the Bounds mentioned in the foreſaid Acts, which Perſons met at *Edinburgh*, and continued long together, wrote to the Presbyteries concerned in the foreſaid Bounds, for Information, and diſcourſed with Gentlemen and others at *Edinburgh*, acquainted in the Highlands, and, after they were fully informed of the Length and Breadth of Pariſhes and Iſlands, and the Number of People in each of them, and other

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Circumſtances of the ſame, they prepared their Report, and ſent the ſame to the Secretaries of State, in which they propoſed, that, at that Time, 151 Schools were abſolutely neceſſary, in order to carry on a Reformation, and condeſcended on the Places and Salaries, and this beſides the parochial Schools provided by Law, and thoſe then maintained by the ſaid Society; and it was repreſented in that Report, which was afterwards printed, That there are many other Places, beſides theſe mentioned therein, where Schools are very much wanted, and where they ſhould be eſtabliſhed, when it could be conveniently done; but this noble Deſign of the Parliament has not yet taken Effect. It is true, His late Majeſty, in the Year 1725. was graciouſly pleaſed, out of His own royal Bounty, to grant 1000 *L. Sterling* yearly to the General Aſſembly of the Church, for maintaining itinerant Miniſters and Catechiſts in the Highlands and Iſlands, a moſt noble Deſign, and it has been continued by our preſent gracious Sovereign, and has already had good Effects, and tends much to the bringing over of the Inhabitants of theſe Parts, to be more favourable to His Majeſty's Government; and the Papiſts, and other diſaffected Perſons, ſeem afraid of the Effects thereof, for they do, in ſome Places, give no Countenance to theſe Miſſionaries, and fail not to reproach the Management; however, it is certain, that not only poor ignorant profeſſed Proteſtants are getting good Inſtruction that Way, but alſo ſome Papiſts have been brought over to embrace the Truth; and it cannot but be evident to any intelligent Perſon, that the moſt effectual Method for advancing the Intereſt of Religion and Vir-

tue, civilizing theſe poor People, and making them loyal Subjects, uſeful to themſelves and the Country, is learning them to read the Scriptures, and other good and uſeful Books, and inſtructing them in the Principles of Religion, by Catechiſts going from Houſe to Houſe.

The Iſles of *Orkney* and *Zetland*, which are many, and wherein are Thirty Miniſters, are not comprehended in the before mentioned Bounds; in theſe Parts ſome Miniſters have Two or Three Churches lying in divers Iſlands, under their Care. There are Thirty three inhabited Iſlands in *Orkney*, one of them Twenty four Miles in Length, another Twelve. In *Zetland* there are above Thirty inhabited Iſlands, being about Sixty Miles in Length, ſome Iſles there are Six or Seven Miles long: From all which it appears, that a great Fund is neceſſary to carry on the Deſign of the Society; and here is propoſed an excellent Occaſion for ſuch as love and deſire the Advancement of the Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour *Jeſus Chriſt*, and the Good of their Fellow-creatures, and their native Country, to extend their Charity as GOD doth enable them.

The carrying on of this great Work requires greater Aſſiſtance than what the Society has yet had, and being now in an united State with *England*, and we having all one common Intereſt, and finding that divers charitably diſpoſed Perſons, even ſome of the higheſt Diſtinction, had countenanced this Deſign, and contributed thereto, the foreſaid Society have been thereby encouraged to agree upon a Correſpondence with their proteſtant Friends there, in this Matter; but before I inſert the Commiſſion for that Effect, it is thought proper to take in what follows.

Rules

Rules, Directions and Orders given by this Society concerning their Schools.

1. THAT none be employed by the Society to teach theſe Schools, but Perſons of Piety, Loyalty, Prudence, Gravity, competent Knowledge and Literature, and who having been tried and examined by the Presbytery of the Bounds in which they uſually reſide, ſhall be recommended by them to the Society, as duly qualified for that Work.

2. The Maſters of theſe Schools are to be careful to train up thoſe that ſhall be under their Charge, in the Knowledge of God, and the Principles of the Chriſtian reformed Religion, and for that End are to teach them the ſhorter Catechiſm of this Church, beginning with ſuch Queſtions of the Catechiſm as are moſt eaſily underſtood, and are of greateſt Neceſſity, and from thoſe going on to the reſt, and explaining them by the Help of ſome good Expoſition: And that the Principles and Duties of Chriſtianity, contained in the Catechiſm, may be the better underſtood, and more eaſily remembred by the Scholars, the Schoolmaſters are to catechize them, at leaſt, twice a Week; and it is hoped the Miniſters of the ſeveral Pariſhes where theſe Schools ſhall be erected, will give their Aſſiſtance for the better Inſtruction of the Scholars, by catechizing them once a Month.

3. The Maſters of theſe Schools are to take particular Care of the Manners and Behaviour of their Scholars, and by their own Example, as well as Inſtructions, recommend to them the ſeveral

veral Parts and Duties of a ſober and religious Converſation; and they are, by all proper Methods, to diſcourage and correct the Beginnings of Vice, and particularly Lying, Swearing, Curſing, profaning the Lord's Day, Stealing, *&c.* at the ſame time minding them of ſuch Parts of the holy Scripture and Catechiſm, where ſuch Things are mentioned as forbidden by God, and the contrary Duties commanded, that ſo they may the better remember and underſtand the Uſe of the holy Scripture and the Catechiſms, and learn to govern their Life by them.

4. The Maſters ſhall pray Morning and Evening in the School, and endeavour to inſtruct and engage the Scholars to pray in private, at leaſt Morning and Evening, and to beg a Bleſſing before, and to give God Thanks after Meat.

5. The Maſters ſhall not only frequent the publick Worſhip themſelves on the Lord's Day, and other Occaſions, but ſhall alſo take Care that their Scholars do the ſame, and that they behave themſelves in the Church with due Attention and Reverence: And to oblige them to the greater Attention, they ſhall, either on the Lord's Day in the Evening, or *Munday* Morning, call them to an Account of what they remember of the Lecture and Sermons which they have heard; and when the Schools are at ſuch a Diſtance from the Church, as that the Scholars cannot, in bad Weather, attend the publick Worſhip, then the Maſter ſhall ſpend a conſiderable Part of the Lord's Day, both Morning and Afternoon, with his Scholars in praying, ſinging Pſalms, reading the holy Scriptures, and catechizing, that ſo that holy Day may not be profaned, but may be ſpent as uſefully as can be in ſuch Circumſtances.

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6. The Maſters are conſtantly to attend their proper Buſineſs in the Schools, during the Hours appointed for teaching, namely, from Seven to Eleven in the Morning, and from One to Five in the Evening, for Eight Months in the Year, *viz.* from the firſt of *February* to the firſt of *October*, and for the other Four Months, from Eight or Nine in the Morning to Twelve, and from One to Three or Four in the Evening: And if theſe Diets be found inconvenient, the Schoolmaſter may, with the Advice and Conſent of the Miniſter of the Pariſh, make ſuch Alterations therein as may be found neceſſary; and he ſhall, with the firſt Opportunity, acquaint the Society, or their Committee, with theſe Alterations, and the Reaſons of them, that they may give ſuch Directions therein as they ſhall think fit.

7. The Maſters are to teach their Scholars to read, and for that end, ſhall teach them the true Spelling of Words, and Diſtinction of Syllables, with the Points and Stops, which is neceſſary to right reading, and ſerve to make them more mindful of what they read: And after they are taught to read, the Maſters are to make them read every Day ſome Portion of the holy Scripture, eſpecially ſuch Parts of it as are moſt ſuited to their Capacities.

8. That as ſoon as they can read competently well, the Maſter ſhall teach them to write a fair legible Hand, and alſo inſtruct them in the Elements, and moſt neceſſary Rules of Arithmetick, that they may be thereby rendred more uſeful in their ſeveral Stations in the World, but not to teach any *Latin* or *Iriſh*.

9. The Society's Schoolmaſters are not to demand any Thing of their Scholars: But if Gentlemen,

tlemen, or others, that are in plentiful Circumſtances, think fit to ſend their Children to theſe Schools, and do freely offer to pay for their Education, then the Maſters are not forbid to accept of what they give.

10. That the Schoolmaſters take the moſt proper Methods for obliging their Scholars to attend at the Hours appointed for teaching, particularly, they are to uſe their Intereſt with the Parents of the Children, or others, whoſe Care they are under, that they may not ſuffer them to be abſent at ſuch Hours; and they are to call over the Names of their Scholars every Morning and Afternoon, to know whether they come conſtantly at School Hours, and if any be miſſing, to mark their Names, with a Note for *Tarde*, and another for *Abſent* in quarterly Bills, wherein alſo any groſs Faults the Scholars ſhall be guilty of, are to be marked, and laid before the Viſitors, in order to their Correction or Expulſion.

11. For the Encouragement of the poor Scholars that are taught *gratis* in theſe Schools, the Society deſigns to give a new Bible to every one of them, aſſoon as it is atteſted by the Viſitors, that they can read the Bible perfectly. And the Society farther intend, if their Fund increaſes, as it is hoped it will, to give ſome farther *Premiums* to ſuch of the Scholars as ſhall recommend themſelves to the Viſitors by a more than ordinary Proficiency in Learning, and by a ſober and diſcreet Converſation; and the Society will give an Allowance to ſome of the Scholars that are qualified, to encourage them to aſſiſt the Schoolmaſter, where the Schools are numerous, in teaching the other Scholars, that ſo, after having ſpent ſome Time in teaching under the Inſpection of a Schoolmaſter,

maſter, they may be fitted to teach Schools themſelves, or, at leaſt, may be uſefully employed when they return Home, in inſtructing their Friends and Neighbours; and by this means the Knowledge of God, and of the true Religion, may be diffuſed in the Places to which they belong.

12. It is expected, that the Schoolmaſters will, as often as they can, ſpend ſome of the Time that they are not obliged to beſtow on their Scholars, eſpecially on the *Saturday* Afternoon, and Lord's Days, in catechizing and inſtructing the poor People in their Neighbourhood (who are too old to come to School) in the Principles of the Chriſtian reformed Religion.

Commiſſion to Correſpondents at London.

THE general Meeting of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, taking to Conſideration, that by the Letters patent erecting them into a Society, they are impowered to nominate fit Perſons, in any Place of his Majeſty's Dominions, or elſewhere, for receiving Subſcriptions, Money, or other Things towards the Deſign of their Erection, who are to tranſmit Accounts thereof to their Committee of Directors at *Edinburgh*, or the general Meeting, and alſo for laying out ſuch Sums as they ſhall be entruſted with; and judging it neceſſary that Correſpondents be named at *London*, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, do hereby nominate, commiſſionate and impower *Benjamin Aitkinſon* Merchant,

chant, *Joſeph Andrews* Eſquire, *Samuel Aſhurt* Woollen-draper, the Right Honourable the Lord *Barrington*, *Alexander Brodie* of that Ilk, Lord Lyon, *George Bailey* of *Jervis-wood*, Mr. *John Barker* Miniſter of the Goſpel, Mr. *James Blackwood* Merchant, the Honourable Colonel —— *Bladen*, Sir *Thomas Brand* Uſher to the Knights of the Thiſtle, Mr. *Alexander Brown* Surgeon, Mr. *John Brown* Merchant, *Edmund Burt* Eſquire, the Honourable Colonel *James Campbel* of *Lawers*, the Honourable Colonel *Charles Cathcart*, Doctor *Edmund Calamy* Miniſter of the Goſpel, *John Calder* Merchant, *James Campbell* of *Clathick*, Sir *John Colbage* Phyſician, Doctor *John Cuming* Miniſter of the Goſpel, the Honourable Colonel *William Dalrymple* of *Glenmuir*, *Archibald Douglas* of *Cavers*, Doctor *James Douglas* Phyſician, Mr. *James Douglas* Merchant, *Andrew Drummond* Goldſmith, *John Drummond* Merchant, *William Duff* of *Bracco*, Mr. *Charles Erſkine* his Majeſty's Solicitor-general for *Scotland*, Captain *William Eliot* of *Walls*, Doctor *Jabeſh Erl*, and Doctor *John Evans*, Miniſters of the Goſpel, *Robert Ferguſſon* of *Raith*, Sir *William Gordon* of *Invergordon*, *James Grant* of *Grant*, Sir *Archibald Grant* of *Monymusk*, *Roger Gale* Eſquire, the Honourable Colonel *Robert Gardner*, Mr. *John Gibſon*, Sir *Henry Hoghton* Baronet, Mr. *Alexander Hamilton*, Merchant, *John Hamilton* Eſquire, Doctor *William Harris* Miniſter of the Goſpel, Mr. —— *Hays* Wood-monger, Doctor *Richard Holland* Phyſician, *Robert Hynd* ſenior, Eſquire, *Robert Hynd* junior, Eſquire, *Claud Johnſton* Merchant, Mr. *James Leſingham* Merchant, Colonel *Robert Monro* of *Fowlis*, Mr. *Obadiah Marryot* Attorney at Law, Mr. *Zechariah Marryot* Miniſter of the Goſpel, Doctor —— *Mede* Phyſician, Mr. *Samuel Mede* Coun-

Counſellor at Law, Mr. *George Middleton* Goldſmith, Mr. *Andrew Mitchel* Apothecary, Major —— *Naſmyth*, *Henry Newman* Eſquire, Secretary to the Society in *England* for Chriſtian Knowledge, *Daniel Pultney* Eſquire, the Honourable General *Charles Roſs* of *Balnagowan*, Sir *Thomas Renton*, the Right Honourable *William* Lord *Strathnaver*, Sir *Hans Sloan*, and Doctor *Alexander Stewart*, Phyſicians, *William Stewart* Eſquire, the Honourable General *Wade*, Sir *Charles Wager*, Doctor *Iſaac Watts* Miniſter of the Goſpel, *William Welſh* Apothecary, *John Whetham* Eſquire, *Thomas Whyte* Merchant, Captain *Richard Worthington*, Mr. *James Wright* Hair-merchant, Mr. *Samuel Wright* Miniſter of the Goſpel, with all the Members of this Society that ſhall be at *London* the Time of the Meetings after appointed, and all Contributors to the ſaid Society's Fund, for Ten Pounds *Sterling* and upwards, to be the foreſaid Society's Correſpondents and Commiſſioners, to the Effects above and after mentioned, with Power to the foreſaid Correſpondents, to meet together in any Place within the City of *London*, *Weſtminſter*, or Suburbs thereof, at ſuch Times as they ſhall fix upon, and their firſt Meeting is hereby appointed to be in the *Scots*-hall in *Fleet-ſtreet*, on the firſt *Thurſday* of *February* next, at Eleven of the Clock Forenoon, and on the firſt *Thurſdays* of *May*, *Auguſt*, *November* and *February* yearly thereafter, at the ſame Hour, and to change the Place of their Meeting, and Time of their quarterly Meetings, as they ſhall judge moſt expedient; and they are hereby alſo impowered to adjourn themſelves from time to time, betwixt their quarterly Meetings, as they ſhall find needful, and to chooſe their Preſes, Treaſurer and Secretary, who ſhall be

be obliged, and are hereby required to keep an exact Record of all their Actings; alſo, with Power to the foreſaid Correſpondents, to chooſe Committees of their Number, for any particular Buſineſs committed to them, and generally, to do whatever may tend to promote the Intereſt or Affairs of the foreſaid Society, and to act and proceed therein according to the Powers above mentioned, granted to Correſpondents by the Letters patent; and any Five of the aforeſaid Correſpondents, who ſhall meet at the Times and Places appointed or to be appointed by them, are declared to be a *Quorum*, and the Treaſurer to the ſaid Correſpondents, is, once in the Three Months at leaſt, to remit to the Society's Treaſurer in *Edinburgh*, what Money or Effects he ſhall receive upon the foreſaid Society's Account, with the Names and Deſignations of the Perſons from whom received, and the Society's Treaſurer is to report to the general Meeting, that the ſame may be entred in their Books. And this Commiſſion is to continue until recalled by the foreſaid Society, at a general Meeting. And it is left to the foreſaid Meetings of Correſpondents, to condeſcend upon ſuch Perſons as they judge proper to be added to their Number, and acquaint the foreſaid Society thereof, that they may have a Letter of Commiſſion, which ſhall be as ſufficient, as if ſuch Perſons had been herein particularly named. This ſigned by the Preſident of the general Meeting, and by their Secretary, and ſealed with the Society's Seal according to Order. Given at *Edinburgh* the —— Day of —— Years.

FINIS

MVSEVM BRITANNICVM